

REMARKS

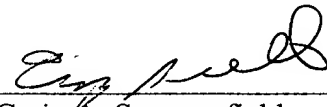
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 30 and 31 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Hosaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,146,601). Claims 1-29 were allowed.

Claims 30 and 31 have been cancelled, but may be later pursued in a related application with or without amendment.

The remaining claims have been allowed. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726.

Respectfully submitted,

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